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Submitted herewith is an amendment which adds a new claim 15.

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The fee for the new claim will be filed as soon as the Examiner inform me the exact amount.

The new claim is being written as an amendment of original claim 12.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Amendment

Protection software [, stored in a device or existing physically on a medium and being computer software conforming to or compatible with an existing standard,] for use on a computer, to protect other [commercial] computer software by discouraging a rightful or an authorised user thereof from enabling or allowing other person(s) to use said software desired to be protected or a duplication copy thereof;

[said computer conforming to or compatible with said existing standard so that any software conforming to or compatible with said standard can be used thereon and without modification thereof.]

said protection software comprising:

identity software for, with protection against used by unauthorised user, providing [identity] information of said rightful or authorised user;

said [identity] information being [for to be authenticated by a remote computing means] in [order for] enabling operation(s) for which said rightful or authorised user has to be responsible [, to be performed];

authorising software for, when executed, permitting use of said software desired to be protected on said computer;

wherein use of said software desired to be protected will not be permitted if said protected identity software is not being caused to be usable by [a predetermined password or non-machine generated password entered by] correct information obtained from user [; and said identity software is not being used to provide said identity information for to be authenticated by said remote computing means, in permitting use of said software desired to be protected].

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